



Cow elk hunt returns



More than a hundred hunters from across Indian Country gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday, Jan. 6 for an orientation meeting preceding the annual January cow elk hunt on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The event, which has taken place since 2001, invites Native American hunters to Ignacio following the tribal member hunting seasons. This year, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division granted 115 permits, and the hunt took place Jan. 7 – 15.

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Swonger seeks District 59 House seat

Media release
Swonger for Colorado

Democrat Patrick Swonger of Silverton, Colo., announced on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Fort Lewis College his candidacy for the Colorado House of Representatives' 59th District.

"My campaign is about jobs, education and preserving our environment while leveraging both its beauty and bounty," Swonger said.

He describes himself as a moderate who would work to bring jobs to the district while standing firm for families, children and small business.

"I've been in the military, large corporations, tiny start-ups," he said. "I've volunteered on town boards, regional councils, and search and rescue. I've seen a lot of the challenges here in the

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59th, but I want to get to know our community even better."

As part of his campaign, Swonger announced a "59 Jobs" initiative. His goal is to work a half-day or more alongside fel-

low Coloradoans in 58 different district jobs.

"Ranching, farming, energy, education, tourism, health care: these are some key industries for our area in the 21st century," he said. "Working in these fields is the best way to learn more about what folks need to succeed."

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Swonger is a past commander of American Legion Post 14 in Silverton. He's worked in a variety of Colorado's key industries, including tourism, hospitality, construction, and mining. After completing college at the University of Florida on the G.I. Bill, Swonger spent nine years as division manager at a Fortune 500 company before starting a regional telecom and IT service business in Silverton in 1994.

Swonger is married with three school-aged boys.

SunUte thanks council



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SunUte Community Center Director Kristi Garnanez presented a plaque to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, Jan. 10 in recognition of past council members who made the facility a reality over a decade ago. Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. thanked Garnanez, congratulating her on a job well done.

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